GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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RICE EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to include PUSA 1121 variety of paddy in the category of Basmati rice in the category of export;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): Some proposals from Rice exporting community have been received to include Pusa 1121 variety of Paddy in the category of Basmati Rice for export purposes. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has also proposed an alternative definition for Basmati taking into consideration both the need for scientific evolution and protecting the commercial interests of the Country.

c) Does not arise.

d) The proposal was discussed in a meeting of all Stakeholders, but no decision has been taken by the Govt. on this proposal.